

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 4, 1899, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. May 4th 1899. My dear —

I have time only for a short note this morning. It is cool again — very cool, and I wish — you cannot know his much — that you were here. However, I presume that it will be hot again soon enough.

I had to borrow from the bank to carry us to July. I borrowed \$2000.00. Then I thought it seemed such a pity to sell my nicely invested little property, my own you know, to invest in Mr. McCurdy's camera that I borrowed another thousand on the security of that. If the camera, Developing tray I mean doesn't succeed why I'll sell my own stock, and pay the money. Meantime I wanted to hold it and see what would happen. You know this is one of the two insurance policies my father left me, and I told you before you left that I wanted to do this and you said of course it was my own and I could do as I liked with it.

Mr. McCurdy went to Baltimore yesterday, but found nothing there to help him.

I am busy with Elsie's party, house cleaning, my work, etc. Daisy has just received a letter from Miss Barton's representative, of course they want her, she says all she did was to make enquiries as to whether they could give her work, not committing herself in anyway. She is not strong enough for any hard work, that is certain.

Nothing more to say just now, so goodbye — much love.

Yours ever, May 4th. Mabel.